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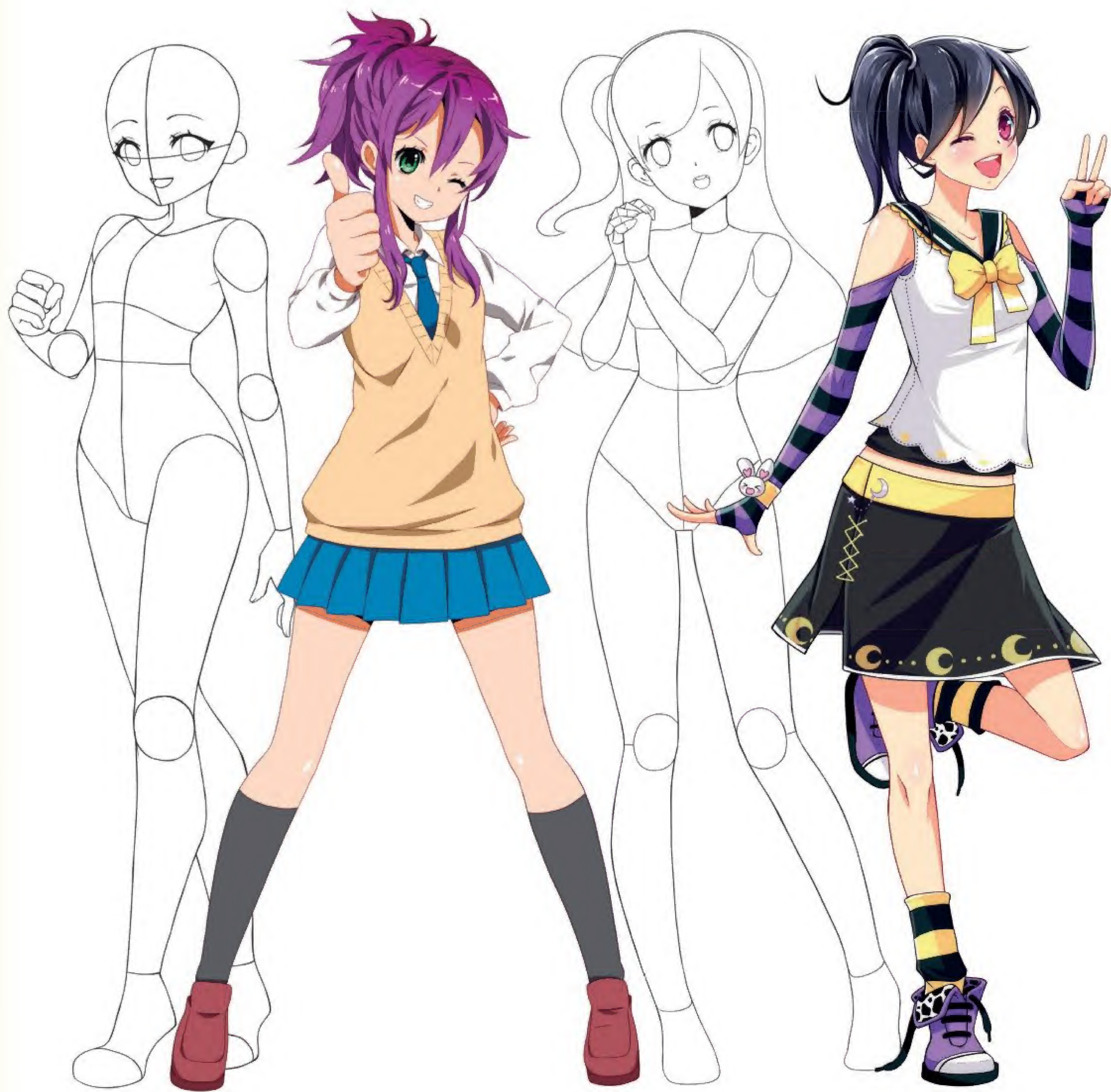
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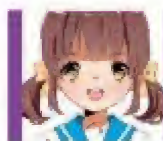




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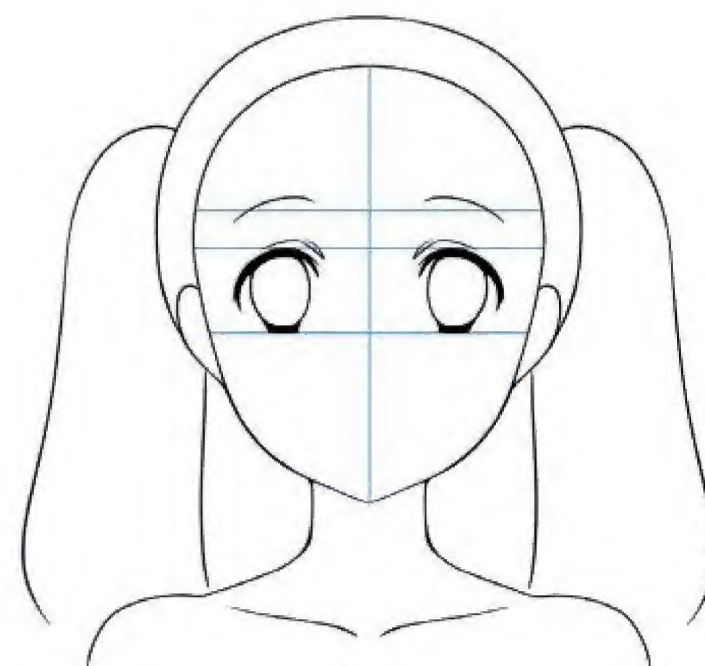
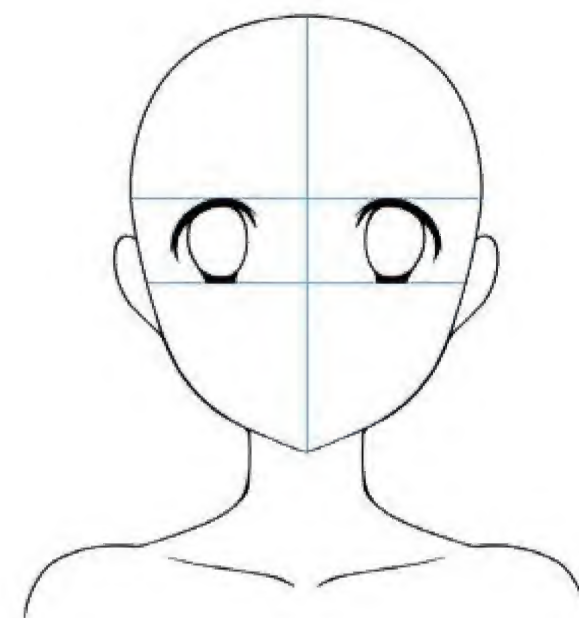
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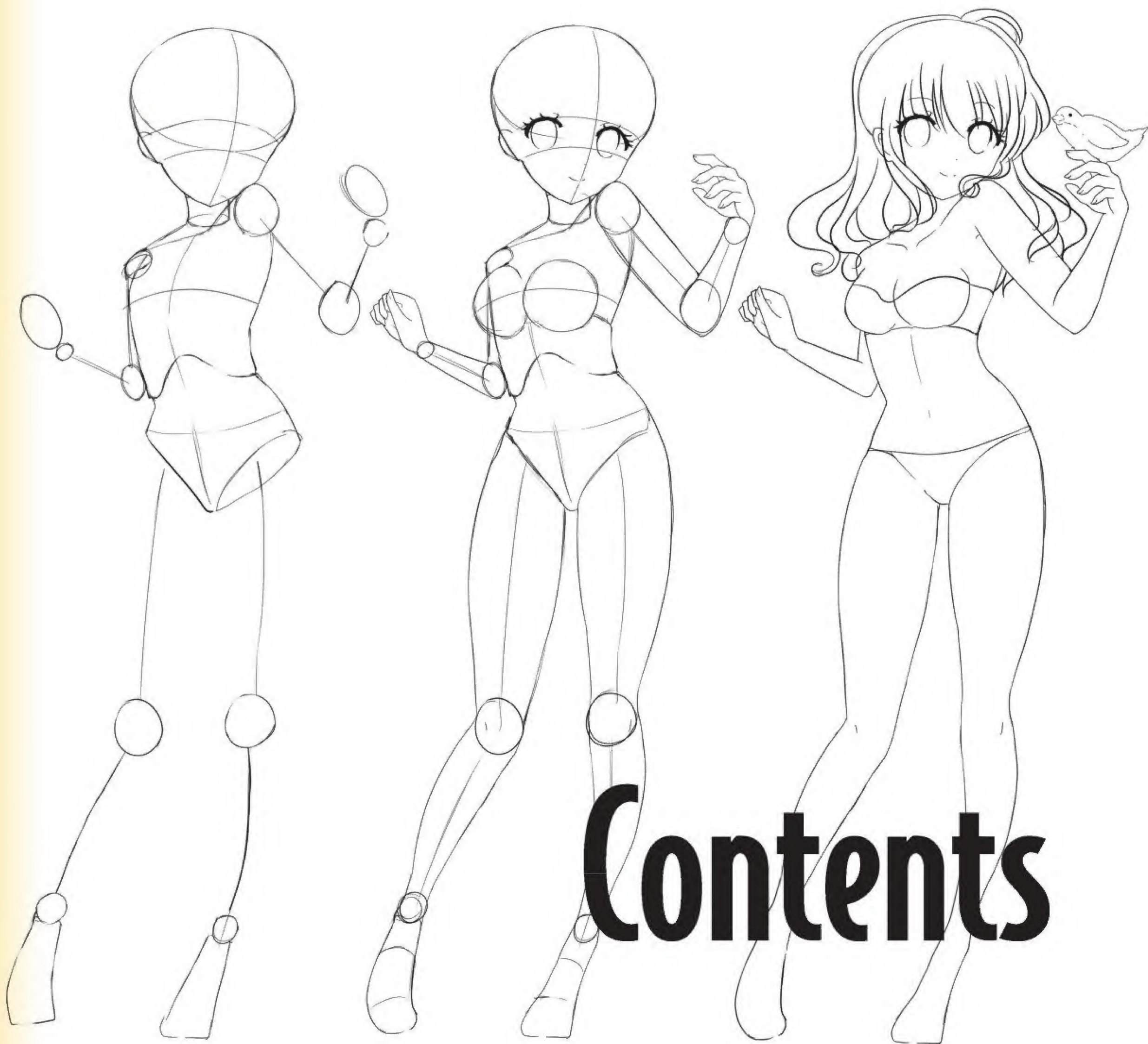
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Introduction

Girls are the fan favorites of anime.

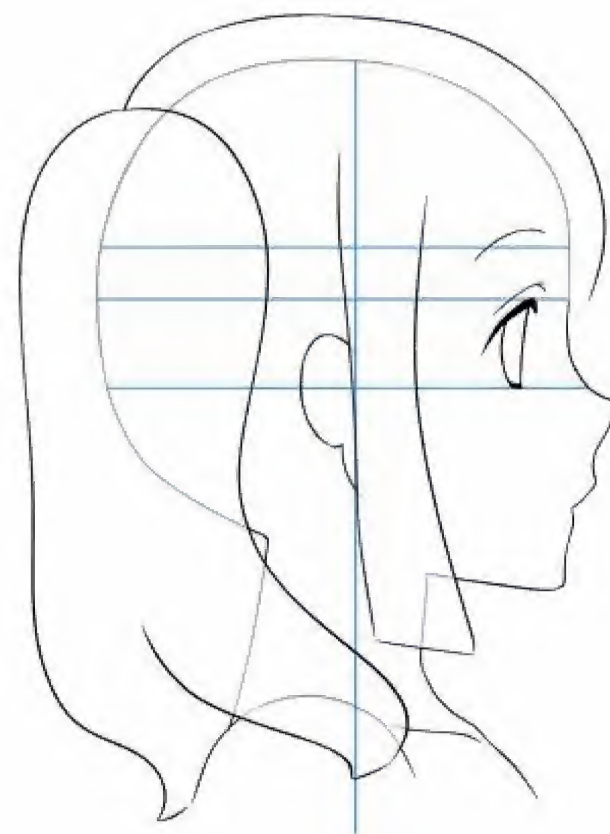
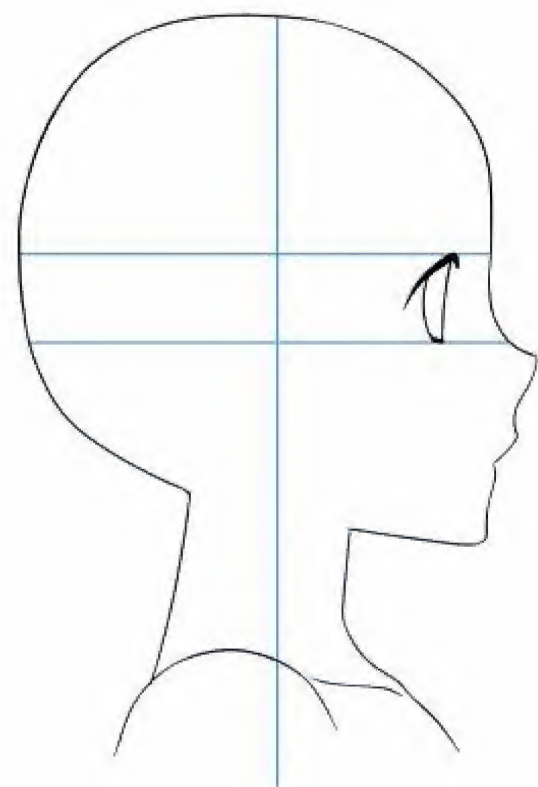
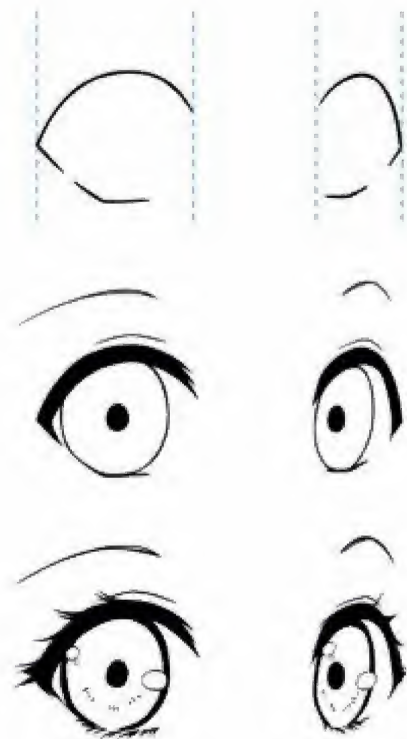
There are many popular types of anime girls, each with a unique personality. And now, you can learn how to draw them all! With this book, you'll learn the tricks to drawing a character's facial features and expressions as well as the proportions of the body, poses, and even hairstyles and outfits. Aspiring artists will find the guided instructions easy to follow and fun to use.

This book is based on simple templates; therefore, once you can draw one character, you can draw them all. There are the famous Japanese *Dere* character types, which are fan favorites. If you aren't yet familiar with these essential schoolgirl types, this book will get you up to speed. We also cover funny characters, beautiful characters, dramatic characters, pop culture characters, and many more.

You will also find an abundance of step-by-step examples. We'll start off drawing the head and body, and then we'll dive into the specific character types. Next, we'll work our way through popular genres such as comedy and romance. Finally, we introduce the concepts for drawing backgrounds to help set the scene for your characters.

As one anime fan to another, I'm glad to share this adventure with you as we draw these amazing characters together! ■





The Female Head

Let's draw amazing girl characters.

The way to draw beautiful characters is to start with the basic head shape. Yes, gorgeous anime eyes are essential, but they only look good on a well-proportioned face. We'll learn how to properly draw those proportions using basic head templates, then move on to drawing hairstyles and expressions. Now, let's start drawing some amazing girl characters! ■



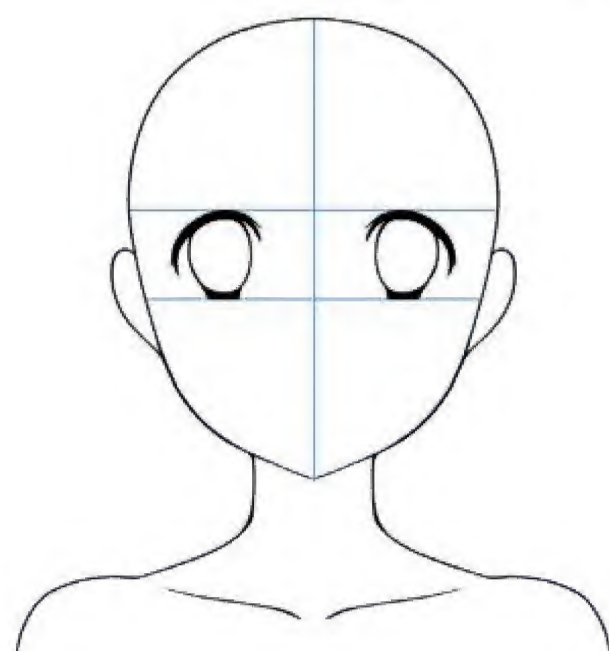
Basic Proportions

Let's begin by sketching the foundation of the head. This will give you a useful template (basic shape) for drawing many types of girl characters. Below, you'll see some proportions to keep in mind when creating your own characters. If your proportions end up slightly different from those in this book, don't worry. There are always variations. It's the general look we're after.

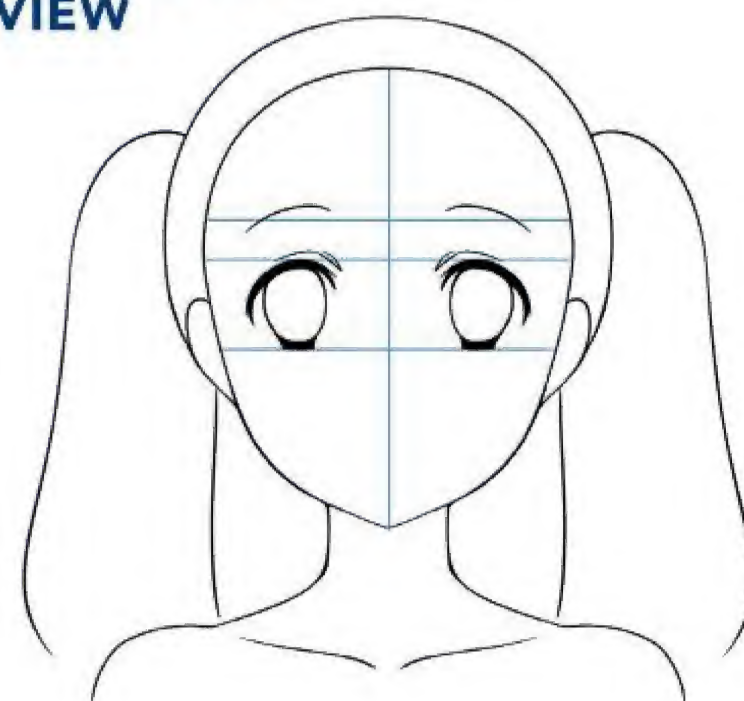
THE FRONT VIEW

The proportions are indicated by the blue guidelines. The vertical line is called the *Center Line*. The horizontal line under the eyes is called the *Eye Line*.

BASIC HEAD TEMPLATE: FRONT VIEW



Two eye lines are drawn to keep the eyes in place.



Another blue guideline is drawn just a notch above the eyes to indicate the eyebrows.



The head appears well proportioned and symmetrical.

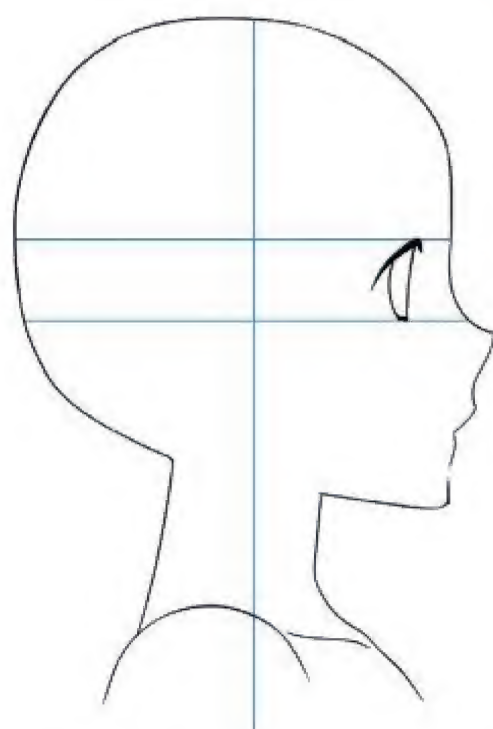


The hair falls over the forehead to create bangs.

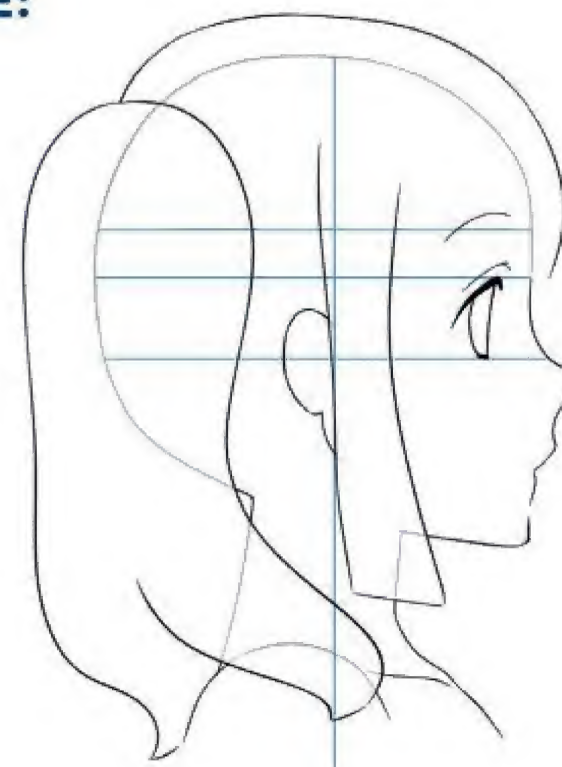
THE SIDE VIEW

The eye is thin in the side view, but it's the same height as it is in the front view. The more the character turns her head away from us, the viewer, the more slender it will appear.

BASIC HEAD TEMPLATE: SIDE VIEW

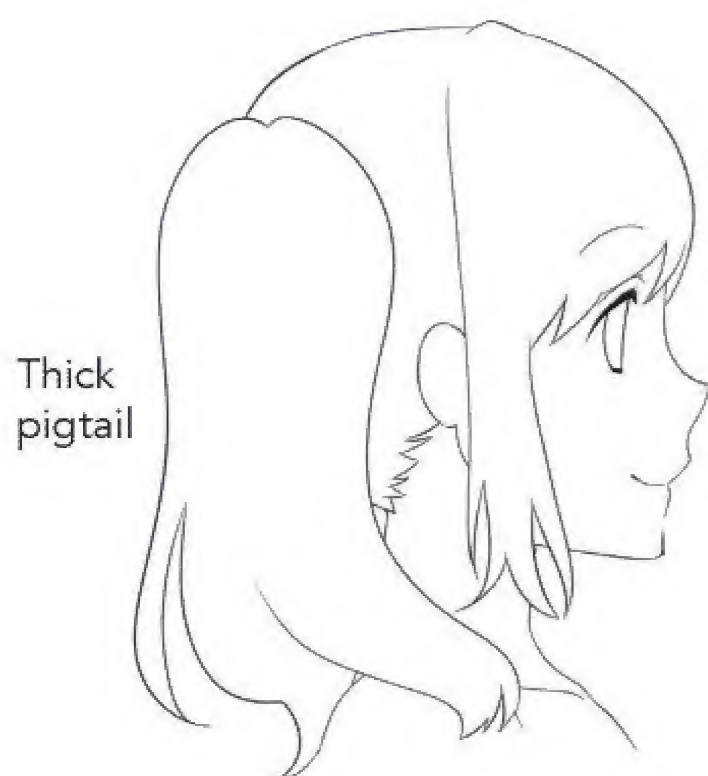


Bracket the eyes between the two horizontal guidelines.



The curve of the eyebrow mirrors the curve of the upper eyelid.

The vertical guideline goes down the middle of the head. This is where you draw the ear.



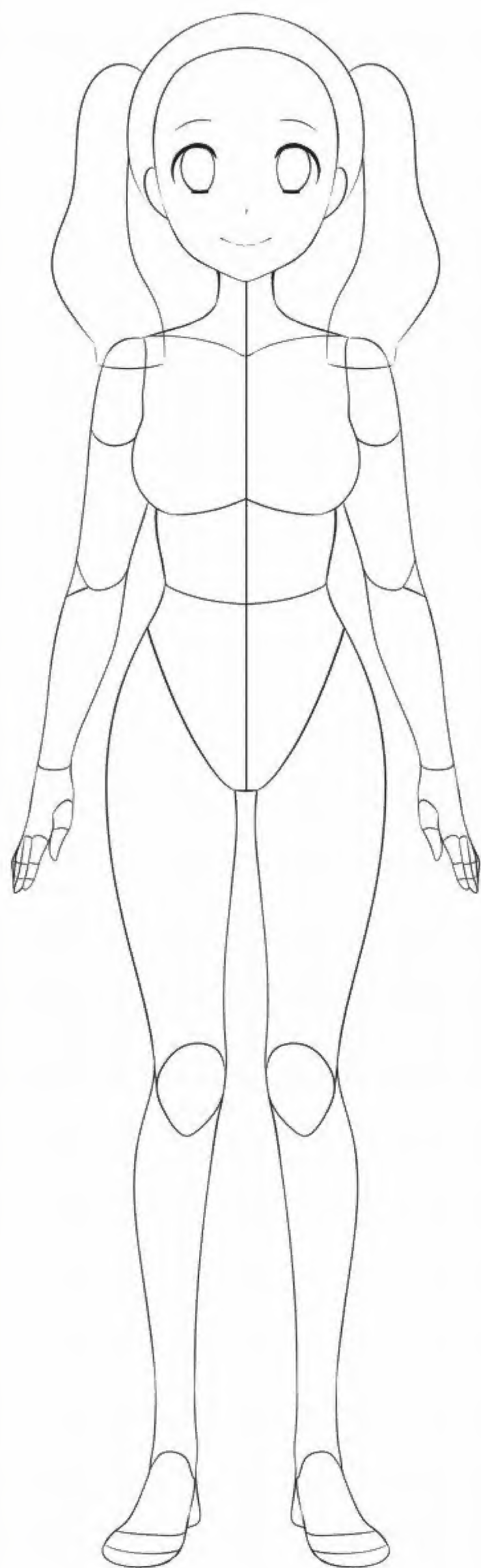
Thick pigtail

The bangs fall over the eyebrows.



Curved bridge of nose

Indicating light and dark areas in the hair adds depth.





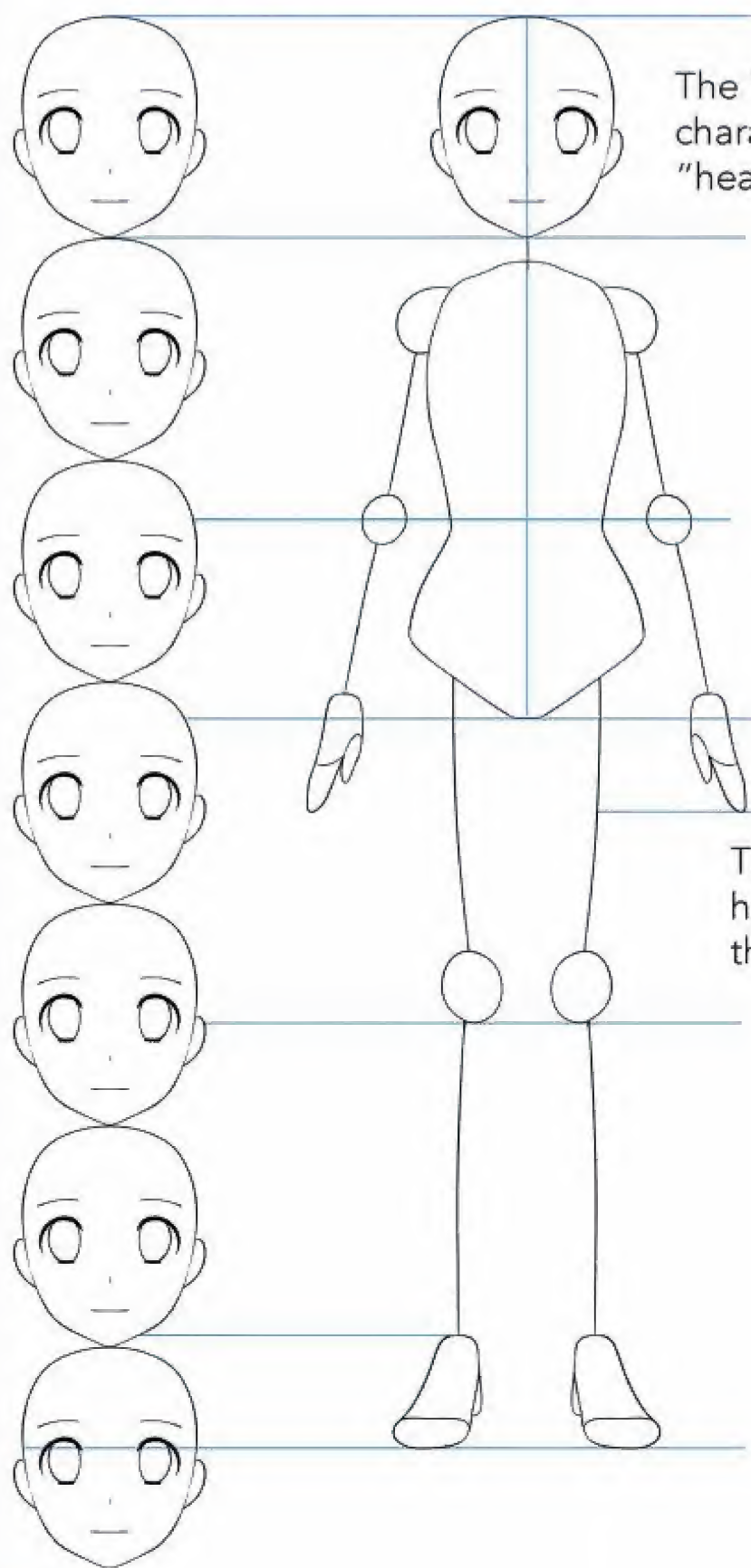
The Basic Female Body

The attractive anime figure is easy to draw once you know the key concepts. We'll start with a versatile body type that can be used for many different characters. Our focus will be on the proportions, contours, and poses. You don't need to memorize this. Simply observe how the concepts work, and allow them to sink in as you draw. ■

Basic Proportions

The major proportions of the body are indicated by the blue guidelines below. Whether you draw the character small or large, the relative proportions remain the same.

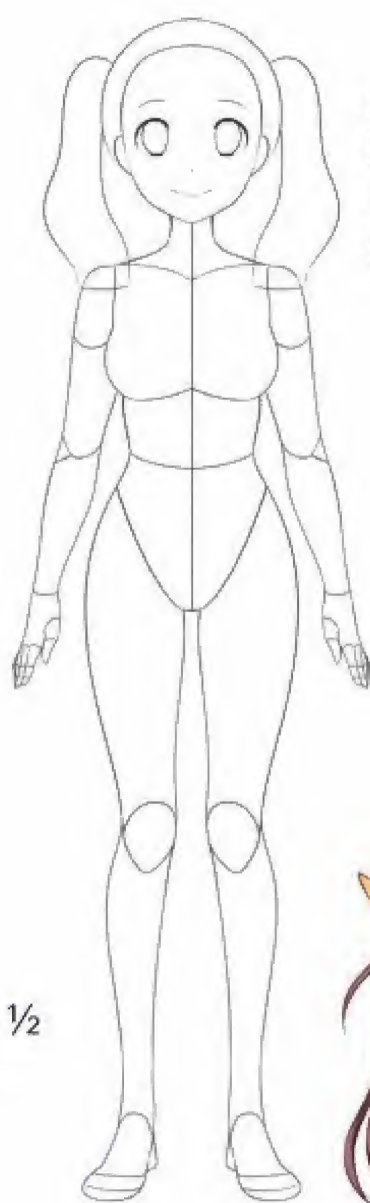
FRONT BODY TEMPLATE



The ideal character is 6 ½ "heads" tall.

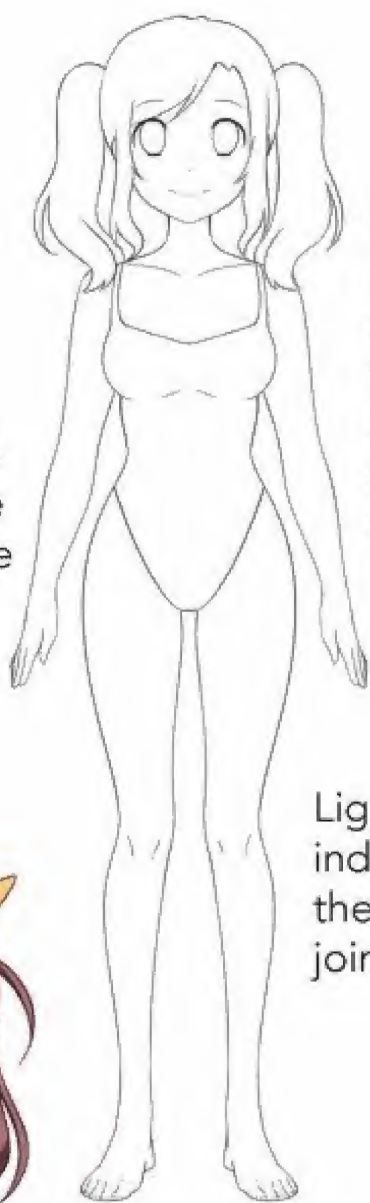
The elbows appear at the same level as the waistline. (You'll find that this is a particularly useful proportion!)

The fingers are almost halfway down the thigh—but not quite.



Anime artists begin by drawing the body in segments.

Leave space between the arms and the body.



Smooth out the segments to create a flowing, sleek figure.

Lightly indicate the knee joints.



The feet are approximately shoulder-width apart.

The steps have paid off. The final drawing is an appealing anime girl in a fun outfit.

Bodies Come in All Shapes and Sizes

They say that bodies come in all shapes and sizes. Oh really? Have you ever seen a person in the shape of a rhomboid? Still there are a variety of female figures you can use to create unique characters. Here are four basic body types.



CLASSIC

This versatile character type has well-balanced proportions.



FULL FIGURE

This character's proportions are the same as those of the classic character, but with a slightly fuller figure.



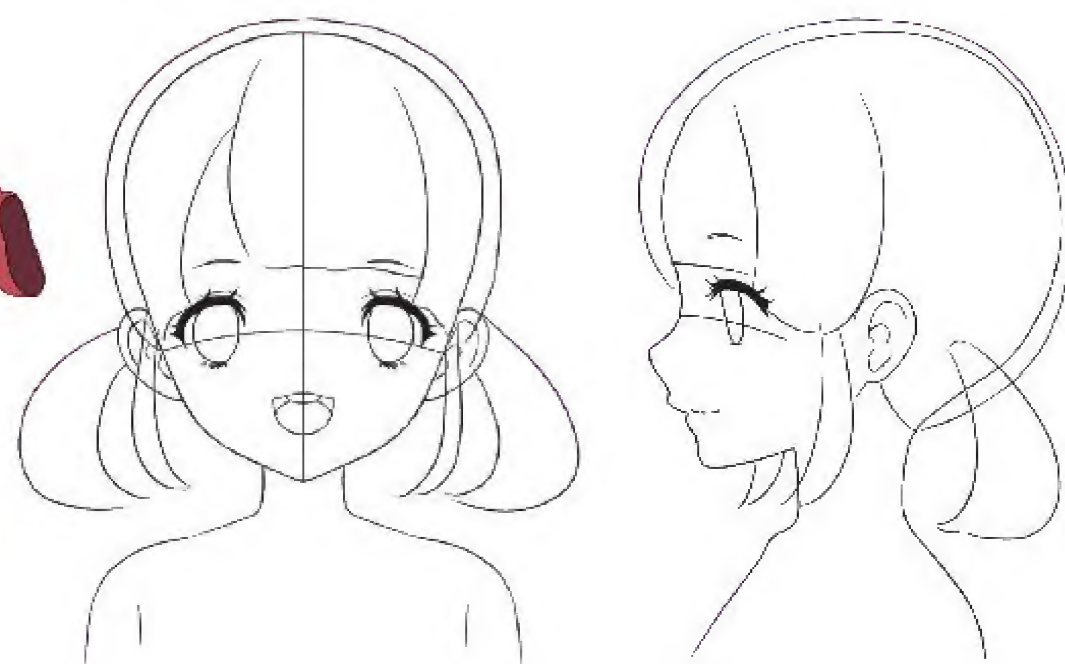
ATHLETIC

She has a strong build and a confident pose. She's tall, and her arm muscles have some definition.



TALL AND THIN

Tall, slender characters are drawn with longer arms and legs. This girl also has a slightly elongated torso and narrower hips.



Young Characters



Younger teenagers, ages 12-14, are a popular subgroup of characters in anime. They entertain audiences with their funny antics and unpredictable behavior. They can switch from one emotion to another with lightning speed. This chapter introduces easy-to-draw templates for the head and body of these fun personalities, along with a selection of fun character types. ■



The *Deres*: Seven Essential Girl Personalities

This is the chapter all anime fans have been waiting for. Here, you'll learn how to draw the character types that star in your favorite anime: the *Deres*. There's the *Tsundere*, the *Yandere*, the *Undere*, and other popular types. Each has an established personality in anime. Some are funny, some are jealous, and some are conceited. When you add boys to the mix, the sparks fly. I'll explain each one as we go along.

We'll also explore essential characters that go beyond the *Deres*. These crowd-pleasers drive stories and make entertaining cast members. With so many character types to work with, your anime characters will never be boring. ■



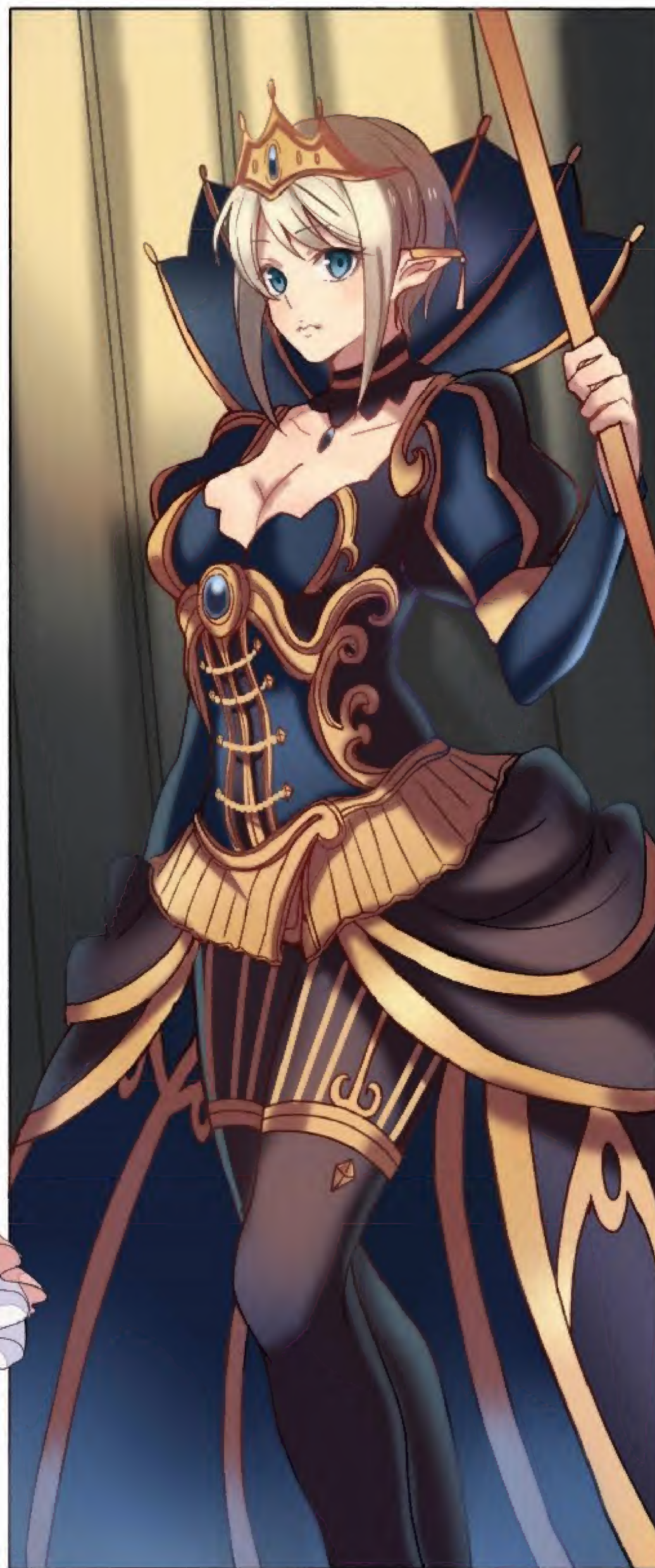
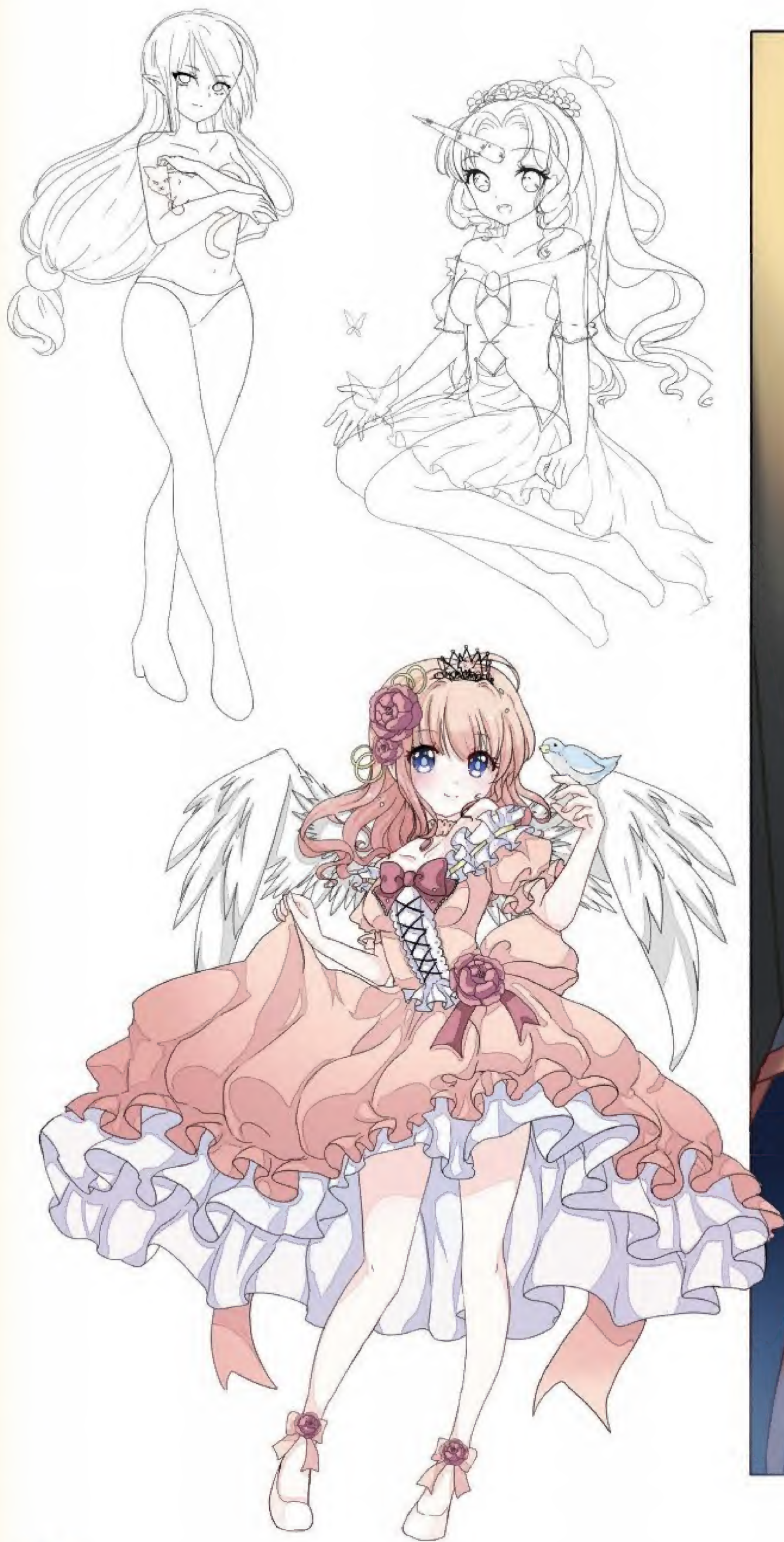




Dressing The Part

Have you ever heard the saying, "The outfit makes the character?" You have? No you haven't. I just made it up. Nevertheless, it's actually true. Most artists only draw clothes that look pretty. There's nothing wrong with that, but we're going to take it a step further. From bubbly personalities to introverts, we're going to draw outfits designed to create the most popular types of anime characters. ■







Beautiful Stars of Anime

Anime characters belong to various genres. Some character types are so popular that they dominate their category. These category winners attract a big fan base with devoted watchers of the series in which they appear. Maybe you'll find your own favorites in this chapter. I know you'll love drawing them. ■





Fun Together

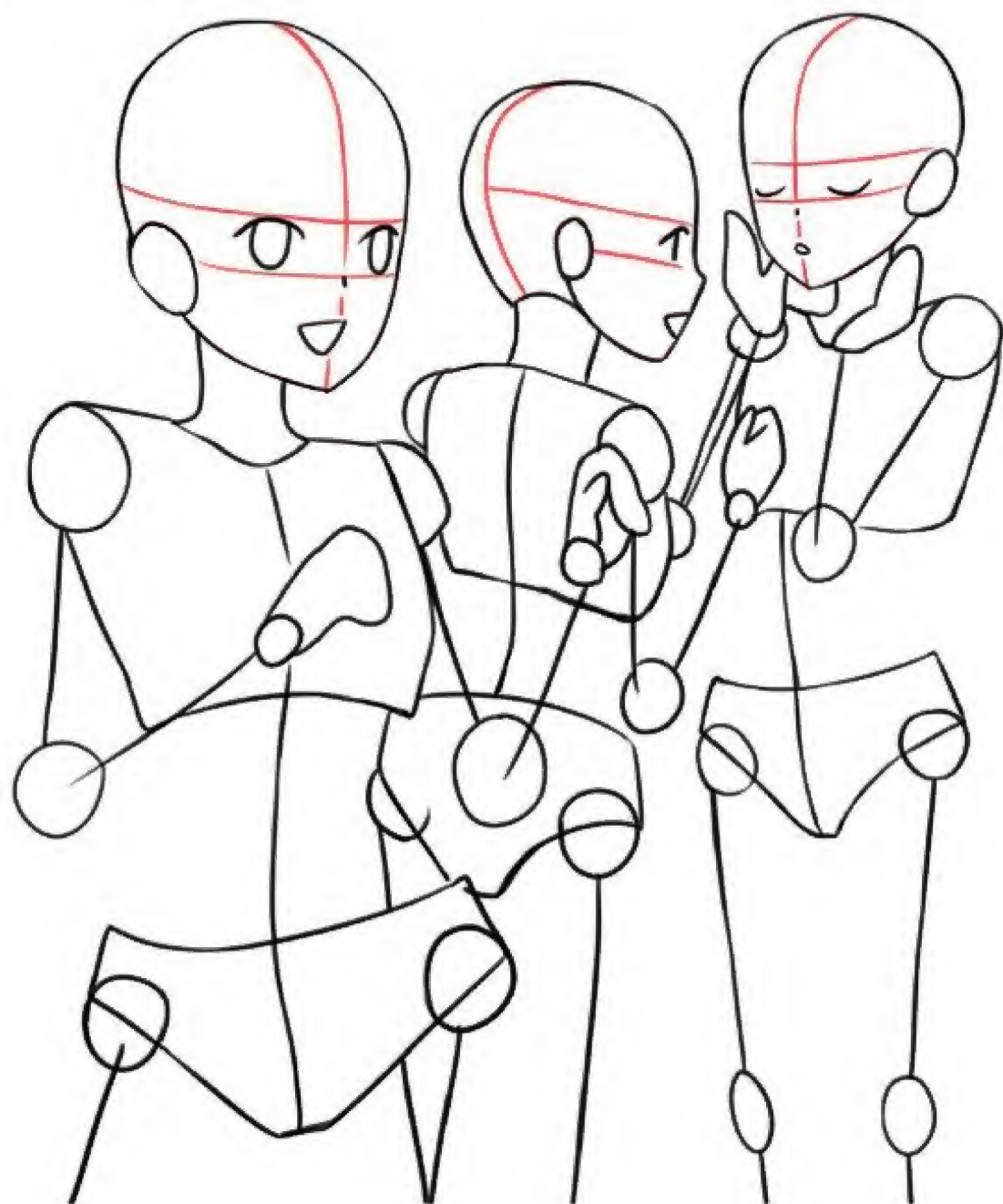
There's a famous saying that laughter is the best medicine, which is probably why so many people in the 17th century died of scurvy. Be that as it may, funny youngsters are a mainstay of anime. Even when a show isn't a comedy, per se, it usually has at least one funny character. Because comedy is so dependent on situations, we're going to put these characters in simple scenes. Whether it's a school hallway or a Japanese fast food restaurant, these settings can be used as templates for many funny moments. ■



Romance

Many aspiring artists want to draw romantic scenes but aren't sure what to draw. This chapter will give you the popular character types, staged in compelling situations, and the techniques you need to draw them. ■







More Tips and Tricks

In this final chapter, we'll fine tune what we've covered so far with a few extra techniques and helpful hints that can really take your anime creations to the next level. You'll learn how to develop the details of a character from all angles, so you can be sure it looks consistent in every frame. We'll also go over how to correctly place multiple characters within a scene and how to draw eye-catching backgrounds that help to deepen the context of a story. From there, you can start to play with drawing your own original anime creations. The sky's the limit! ■

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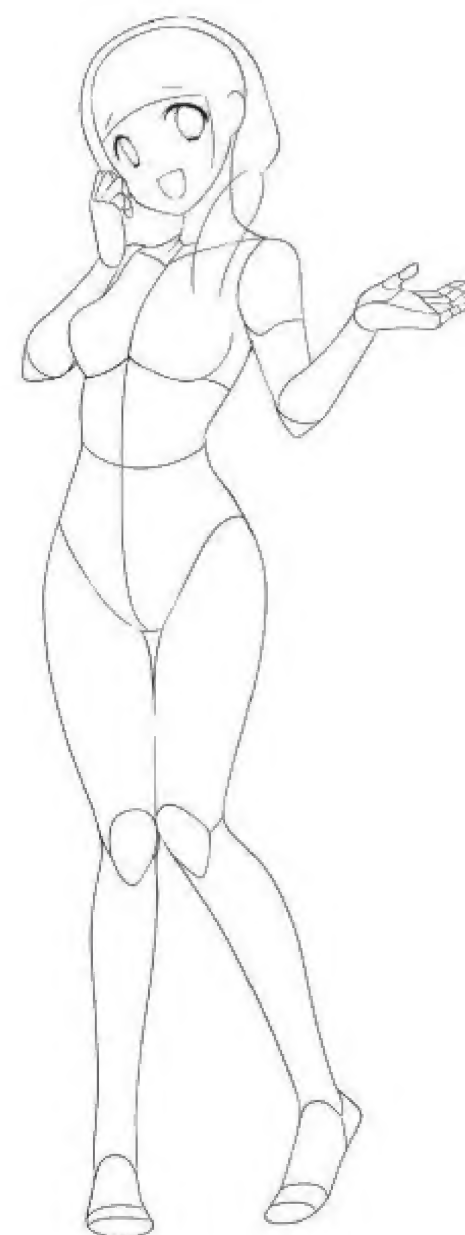
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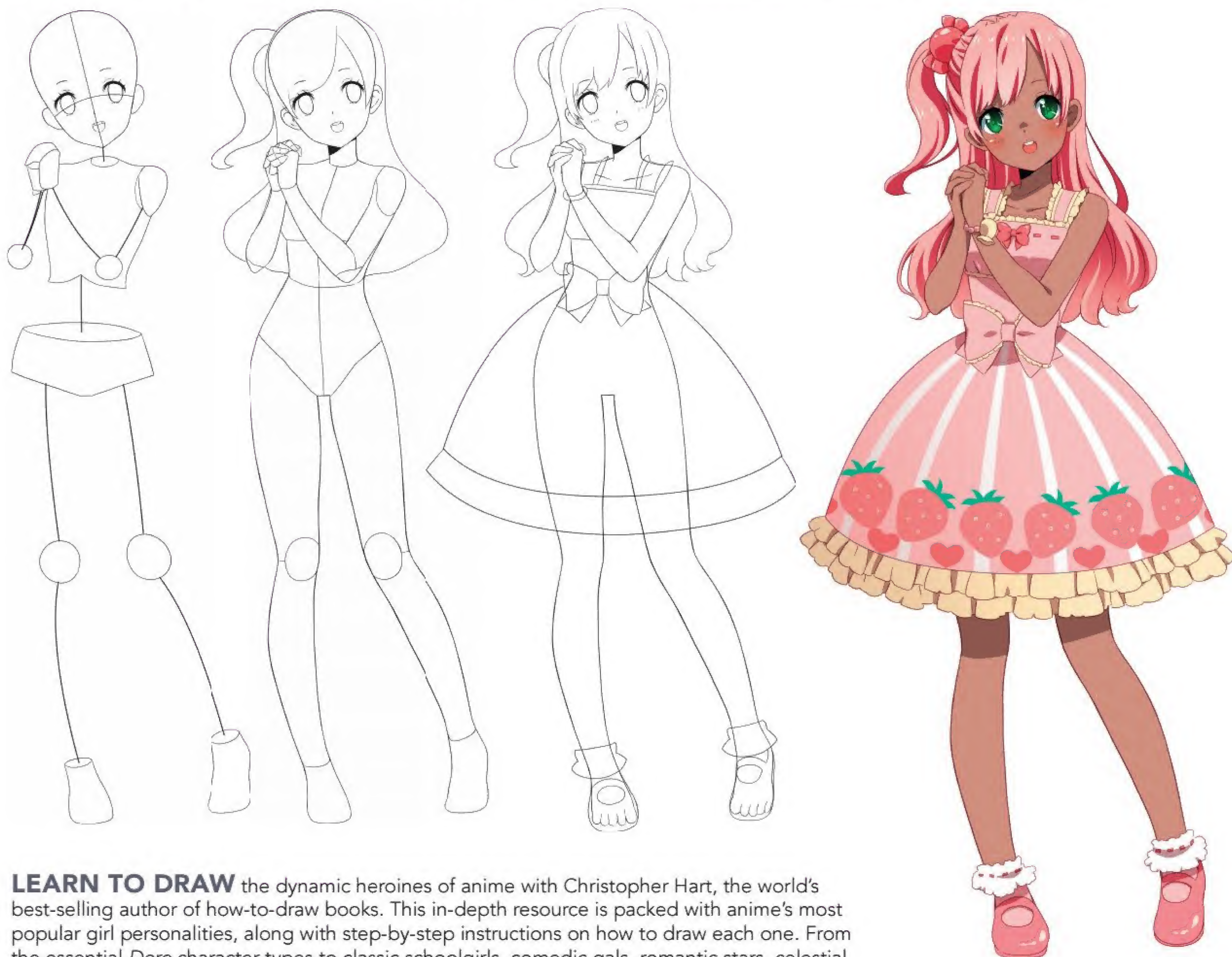
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